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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This paper is in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 19, 2010 in the above-referenced application. A Notice of Appeal was filed on February 17, 2011. Applicants submit herewith a petition for a three-month Extension of Time, along with the appropriate extension fee. With this extension, this paper is due on or before July 18, 2011 (July 17, 2011 being a Sunday).

Applicants also submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and the required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). This paper constitutes a proper submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (c).

Applicants believe no additional fees are due in connection with this filing. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 23239-538.

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